

IN THE CLAIMS:

The listing of the claims is as follows:

1-48. Canceled.

49. (Currently Amended) A laminate package for an energy storage device having two terminals, the package being defined by a single sheet of laminate material that is folded along its length, the package including:

an inner barrier layer for defining a cavity to contain the energy storage device, the inner barrier layer having two opposed portions from between which the terminals extend from the cavity, the proposed positions that are being sealingly engaged along three opposed edges of the folded sheet ~~with each other and from between which the terminals extend from the cavity;~~

a sealant layer being disposed intermediate the inner barrier layer and at least one of the terminals for sealing the inner barrier layer to that one of the terminals and for offering a barrier to the passage of one or more contaminants into the cavity; and

an outer barrier layer bonded to the inner barrier layer and having a metal layer.

50-54. Canceled.

55. (Previously Presented) A package according to claim 49 wherein the sealant layer is a resin containing between about 5% and 10% ethylene acrylic acid.

56. (Previously Presented) A package according to claim 55 wherein the sealant layer contains about 6% to 9% of ethylene acrylic acid.

57. Canceled.

58. (Previously Presented) A package according to claim 49 wherein both of the terminals are formed from aluminum.

59. A package according to claim 49 wherein the outer barrier layer includes a plastics layer bonded to the outside of the metal layer.

60. (Previously Presented) A package according to claim 59 wherein the plastics layer is about 30 μm in thickness.

61. (Previously Presented). A package according to claim 59 wherein the plastics layer includes any one or more of polyethylene terephthalate (PET), polyvinylidene chloride (PVdC) and polypropylene (PPP).

62-69. Canceled.

70. (Currently Amended) A laminate package for an energy storage device having two terminals, the package comprising: a sheet of laminate material folded along the length, the sheet comprising:

an inner barrier layer for defining a cavity to contain the energy storage device, the inner barrier layer having two opposed portions from between which the terminals extend from the cavity, the opposed portions being that are sealingly engaged along three opposed edges of the folded sheet with each other and from between which the terminals extend from the cavity, ;

a sealant layer being disposed intermediate the inner barrier layer and at least one of the terminals for sealing the inner barrier layer to that one of the terminals and for offering a barrier to the passage of one or more contaminants into the cavity, and

an outer barrier layer bonded to the inner barrier layer and having a metal layer.

71. (New) A laminate package for an energy storage device having two terminals, the package including:

an inner barrier layer for defining a cavity to contain the energy storage device, the inner barrier layer having two opposed portions sealingly engaged with each other and from between which the terminals extend from the cavity;

an outer barrier layer bonded to the inner barrier layer, the outer layer having a metal layer; and

a sealant layer being disposed intermediate the inner barrier layer and at least one of the terminals for sealing the inner barrier layer to that one of the terminals and for offering a barrier to the passage of one or more contaminants into the cavity.